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BUSINESS CHANGES

Big Improvements Are Following Wholesale Exchange of Stores

MANY MERCHANTS MOVE

Changes Caused As Result of Pollasky Fire Weeks ago

Business changes are taking place and have taken place which involve nearly all of the merchants in the city and give the business part of Alma an entirely different complexion. The fire which partially destroyed the Pollasky block and forced the merchants to seek new quarters was the primary cause of the whole series of changes. The following merchants and corporations will or have transferred their homes: G. V. Wright, M. Messenger, D. W. Robinson, Cohen Brothers, A. R. Smith, C. G. Rhodes, M. A. Medler, Fred Slater, J. C. Converse, D. Brown, the Alma Journal, The Alma Record and Geo. Ellis.

Charles G. Rhodes transferred his stock which was removed following the fire to the corner of Superior and Woodworth streets, back to his old place of business, one block west. M. A. Medler moved his grocery stock to the place vacated by Mr. Rhodes. In another article we will tell our readers about the occupation by the Alma Record of the south half of the Odd Fellows building which Mr. Medler formerly occupied. The Cohen brothers will move into the building where the Record has been published since its birth. The Cohen brothers have been occupying the Alma Hotel for the past eight weeks since the fire.

The Alma Journal's former home has been taken over by G. V. Wright so that he may have more room for his furniture stock and his increasing business. His other store will be continued to be used by him. The stores formerly used by the Cohen brothers and by A. R. Smith are being joined by D. W. Robinson into one big store where he will have the best equipped clothing emporium between Saginaw and Grand Rapids. Elaborate improvements have been made and every means are being employed to make it the best equipped women's furnishing store in Central Michigan. A force of carpenters has been at work for Mr. Robinson for the past few weeks and when they have completed their job Alma will boast of a fine up to date store. A special front is being built in and improvements are being inaugurated inside.

Mr. M. Messenger has secured the store vacated by Mr. Robinson which adjoins his big store on the east and will there continue his business under the name "Men's Store." The Edwards Hotel has been torn down and nearly all the debris removed. Mr. Ellis has removed his restaurant to the room vacated by Mr. Swisher, who now conducts his pressing shop over the Record office.

Fred Slater has fitted up the store building which D. W. Robinson left vacant by the consolidation of his stock and removed his men's clothing stock there. His former place of business will be occupied in the future by J. C. Converse who will remove his jewelry store and optical equipment there. He plans to add to his stock considerably.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend to our many friends and neighbors our sincere thanks for their kind help and sympathy during the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother; especially the lodge of Royal Neighbors of America Rosewood Camp No. 3281 of Alma, of which she has long been a member, for their beautiful floral tribute. Also the Woodman's lodge and the farmers club for their kind sympathy and beautiful flowers.

Louis F. Muhn,
Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hollinell,
Elmer and Laurel Muhn.

Nearly 10,000 Have Attended Rivals At Big Cabernacle

Beginning with Friday, February the 26th and continuing to Tuesday, March the ninth, during which meetings were held nearly every day and sometimes twice daily, ten in all being held, approximately nine thousand six hundred people attended the revival services conducted by Rev. Loose, assisted by Prof. Lillenas. This is an average of nearly one thousand per meeting. At least on three occasions the tabernacle which seats thirteen hundred people was full to overflowing. The number of the converts has run up into the hundreds while those who have been influenced by the message of the evangelist will run into the thousands.

The influence of the meetings can best be judged by the increasing numbers of those who are in nightly attendance.

RETURN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Vernier Finish Four Months Trip

On the 5th of November, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vernier of Alma started on a pleasure trip through the southern part of this state and the northern part of Ohio. At Lansing they enjoyed pleasant visits with Mrs. Vernier's son and daughter, Melvon Baker and Mrs. Alta Dick. From there they started to Waldron, Mich. to visit Mr. Vernier's children and their old home. Mrs. Vernier had a grand visit with an old friend that she knew when but a young lady. She stayed there six weeks at the home of Mrs. Susan Vannasdale. During this time Mr. Vernier was visiting with his children who lived but a short distance from Waldron.

Mrs. Vernier and Mrs. Vannasdale then took the train to Painesville, Ohio, where they visited Mrs. V. V. nephew and Mr. Van's niece. While there they enjoyed themselves very much. They then started home but decided to spend a few weeks in Lansing. After a good visit there they returned to Alma.

BIRD CLUB NOTES

The citizens in Alma have a keen interest in the wild birds, and that interest is growing because it is well repaid. More people should boost by joining the Alma Bird Club and unite in the organized work of the Club. The Club is nearing the close of its first year of work, and if you want to be counted a member from its beginning you should join immediately. Don't wait for the members to canvass you. You may become a member for this year by speaking to Mr. Charles Murphy, or Mr. Steve Bennett or Miss Hood, at Mr. L. A. Sharp's Office, and securing a Membership card for 10 cents, or 25 cents. This goes toward work for the Wild Birds in our midst.

Now is the time to prepare your bird houses and get them ready to put in place for the spring season. They may be placed out now or just as soon as you see signs of the birds that you wish to attract.

A year ago Mr. Harold Haynes gave a lecture that started the work of the Club. This year we are fortunate in being able to announce that one of the great students of birds and lecturer on birds has agreed to include Alma on his tour. A recent tour included ninety-three engagements. Everywhere he wins high praise as a lecturer and entertainer. April 14 is the date for this lecture. Remember the date and be at the High School Auditorium to hear him.

REPUBLIC MOTOR TRUCK CO.

The past week has proven the banner week of the year for Alma's greatest industry. The Rho Republic Motor Truck Co. built, sold and delivered over 30 motor trucks the cash receipts being above \$30,000.00. It is expected that the business for the month will exceed \$50,000.00. During the week ending March 6th the company received orders for 42 trucks immediate shipment.

MOVE TO NEW HOME

Record Will Move to I. O. O. F. Building In Week

WILL SPEND \$3,500

For New Machinery and Equipment

Within a week the Alma Record will be installed in its new home in the south half of the I. O. O. F. building, the new management having decided to leave the building which has housed this paper since it first came into being. But probably more important than the fact of the moving of the Record is that the new equipment representing an outlay of over \$3,500 will be added to the present equipment of the office and when this new machinery and stock is installed the Record will have the finest newspaper and job printing facilities in the central part of Michigan.

Chief among these improvements is a brand new Mergenthaler Model "K" Linotype machine of the three magazine type. With this the Record will be able to handle a far greater amount of business than was formerly possible and will not be dependent upon outside concerns to furnish type.

A big supply of new type for advertisers and those desiring first class job work has already been secured.

Alma has long been in need of such a shop as the Record will have in its new quarters with its brand new equipment. Within a short time the Record will be "at home" to new friends as well as old at 111 South State St.

GROVER SELLS OUT

Popular Druggist Gives Way to Lowell Man

Fred Grover has sold the drug store which he has owned and operated for several years to H. J. Patterson of Lowell, Michigan, who will personally conduct the store which will continue the business under the name of Look You Patterson. As yet Fred is undecided as to what he will do.

Mr. Patterson came to this city with the highest recommendations and it is a foregone conclusion that he will make friends rapidly. He has a very pleasing personality, besides an ample experience in the drug business. The new druggist is a graduate of Ferris Institute and for the past four weeks has worked in a drug store in Lowell.

MISFORTUNE NEVER COMES SINGLY

Gustav Woydt who buried his wife here February 17, 1915, in the Riverside Cemetery lies very sick with inflammatory rheumatism at 128 West End street, where he makes his home with his stepson, Bert Thorpe. Mr. Woydt has been ill for over a week.

NEW GROCERY FIRM.

J. B. Smith whose experience in the grocery business covers a period of over twelve years has opened a grocery store and meat market combined in the building recently vacated by J. H. Wilcox just south of Rhodes' drug store. His long experience combined with his pleasing personality will insure him a successful business career in Alma.

ADVERTISED LIST

Alma, Mich., March 8th., 1915.
Advertised list for week ending March 8th., 1915.
Mr. Jerry Draper.
Verna Hawkins.
Mr. Gregor Stroska.
The above if not called for will be sent to the Dead Letter Office March 22nd, 1915.
V. P. CASH, Postmaster.

MAYORALTY CANDIDATES

Since Prof. Cook's announcement that he will not be a candidate for re-election quite a number of names have been suggested for the mayoralty candidacy, though as yet nothing definite has been done to line up the men for the coming spring city elections. Several good men have been suggested and are being boosted by their friends, among them being Charles Ward, E. C. Crandell, Otto Sanderhoff, Fred Rowland, and Frank McConkey. From that number or from others who might be named a highly satisfactory mayor could be easily selected. Now is the time for the voters to consider whom they will have for the city's chief executive.

The question as to whom will be entrusted this high position is a vital one to the tax payers and other citizens of Alma and too much care cannot be exercised in the choice of the best man for the place.

ALMA JOURNAL MOVES

Is Now Well Installed In Redman Block

Last Saturday evening the Alma Journal completed the removal of the office equipment and presses and is now installed in its new quarters in the east room of the Redman block. The change was made with no break in the regular work of the company despite the bigness of the job.

In its new home the Journal company will have much more room than formerly and will have an altogether more desirable location. The office of the Wells Fargo Express Co. was moved at the same time and will occupy the west part of the front of the building. The Record congratulates the Journal up on their splendid new home.

CHISHOLM Elected CAPTAIN OF TRACK TEAM

Ralph Chisholm, a junior at the college whose home is in Breckenridge was honored by the members of the 1914 varsity track team with the captainship of the 1915 squad at an election held last Tuesday. Chisholm is one of the greatest sprinters that Alma or the Michigan Intercollegiate has ever seen, in a race from fifty to four forty yards, being practically unbeatable. At the 1913 Intercollegiate meet held at Albion he was Alma's biggest point winner and last year did nearly as well.

This spring the new captain of the track team will specialize in the same three races in which he has shone in the past, the one hundred, two hundred and four forty yard dashes, and unless he has the misfortune to break a leg or do something equally disastrous to himself and his Alma mater he should be the biggest point winner at the big June meet held in Albion.

LOCAL POULTRY FANCIERS GOING TO THE FORE

The fanciers of Alma, Mich., are to be congratulated on the fine show put on January 25-29 in this busy little city. We will not go into details as to each class but wish to mention at least two classes of birds that we considered extra fine, those being the S. C. White Leghorns of F. A. Wright and Chas. F. Thuma, both of Carson City, both showing an extra good class of birds and both getting good winnings with Mr. Wright a little in the lead with the largest string.

L. I. Litwiller, Middleton, Mich., showed a string of S. C. Black Minorcas that were extra good birds and walked off with all the firsts and then some and they well deserved them as they were a classy lot. Mr. Litwiller is one of the leading breeders in his part of the state having several breeds and devoting a large deal of his time to them on his large farm—Michigan Poultry Breeder.

BASEBALL FANS, ATTENTION

The project of having a St. Louis-Alma baseball team will be discussed at the big fan roundup at the City Hall, Tuesday night, March 16, at 8 o'clock.

STATE ORATORICALS

Annual Contests of State Colleges Held in Presbyterian Church and Tabernacle

ALMA SPEAKERS DO WELL

Cole and Miss Duncanson Finish in High Places Before Record Crowd

The Eighth Annual Women's contest of the Michigan Oratorical League was held in the auditorium of the Presbyterian Church, Friday afternoon at two o'clock with a crowd that packed the church on hand to hear the orators and cheer Miss Jessie Duncanson, Alma's representative, on to victory. Though she did not succeed in securing the coveted first prize Miss Duncanson in winning third place with the oration "The New Patriotism" secured the highest oratorical honors that any Alma girl has ever taken.

Miss Amy Fee, a senior at Albion college won first prize with the oration, "A Matron or a Mother?" while Miss Eva R. Arent of Ypsilanti Normal college won second place with the oration, "The Sport of Kings." The decision of the judges seemed to be very fair though it was the opinion of nearly all present that Miss Duncanson deserved a higher place than she was awarded. The theme of her oration was on peace and she handled her subject with great skill. Her delivery was remarkably good, excelling that of all the other contestants.

A pipe organ selection by Miss Grace Roberts and a violin solo by Prof. Cyril Davis were appreciated by the audience very much. In fact Prof. Davis' playing never appeared to better advantage.

The standing of the orators as



Jessie Duncanson

given by the judges was as follows: 1st place, Miss Amy Fee, Albion; 2nd, Miss Eva Arent, Michigan State Normal College; 3rd, Miss Jessie Duncanson, Alma; 4th, Miss Dorothy Pieters, Hope; 5th, Miss Susan E. Slayton, Kalamazoo; 6th, Miss Fern Gage, Olivet; 7th, Miss Florence Butler, Adrian; 8th, Miss Shirley Rigdon, Hillsdale.

At seven o'clock on the same evening the Eighteenth Annual Mens contest was held in the new tabernacle with approximately twelve hundred people present and a lively enthusiasm pervading the air. Though Alma was not as successful in this contest as in the contest of the afternoon Maurice Cole, the Presbyterian representative, did exceptionally well and brought honor upon the school which he represented. He tied with Elwood Stanberry of the Ypsilanti Normal for fourth place while Cornelius Wierenga of Hope college carried off the highest honors of the evening with an oration upon the subject of "The New Patriotism."

The hour between seven and eight was devoted to organized cheering and rooting on the part of the representatives, rival colleges present. The orators from the other colleges had been accompanied by large crowds of fellow students who kept the atmosphere torn to shreds by their vociferous efforts to help their oratorical representatives. Naturally the Alma followers were much in

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Mayor Cook Not In May-orally Race This Spring

Professor Albert P. Cook for the past year Mayor of the city will not be a candidate for re-nomination at the spring elections and despite the urgings of friends will not enter the campaign. Overwork and multiplicity of other duties are the reasons for his decision. His services to the city in a public way have covered a period of nearly eight years, seven as alderman from the third ward and one as mayor, and during that time he has been the city's most trusted and hard working office holder. Besides the work connected with the mayoralty office Professor Cook has continued his duties as Secretary of the college and has been prominent in the work of several organizations in the city. His withdrawal from the public service of the city will be a distinct loss to Alma. He will, of course, in an unofficial way maintain the same interest in her welfare.

BOYS GET CAUGHT

Elwell Young Men Arrested For Thievery

The three boys, DeWay Apple, Carlyle Bowers, and Daniel Welch, who were arrested last week and brought to Ithaca on the charge of breaking into and entering the store of Marley Slingloff at Elwell, furnished bail and have returned to their homes near Elwell. They waived examination and will plead guilty when brought before the judge, and will be sentenced by him. The Welch boy is 21 years of age and the others under seventeen. The Bowers boy is apparently the gang leader.

The officers seem satisfied that these boys are implicated in the recent Odd Fellow episode at Elwell when the carriage seats and wheels of a number of ladies' and gentlemen's rigs were smeared with tar and grease during their meeting. When they arrived at their homes they found themselves covered with grease. The people of that vicinity are thoroughly disgusted with these continued depredations and Sheriff Newell Bradford is beginning a general clean-up, and means business.

FRANK CLARK PURCHASES FEED BARN

Frank Clark, a prominent Alma farmer and for a time a merchant in the city has purchased the livery stable owned by Ed. Winn and in the future will conduct a livery sale, and feed stable in the cement feed barn on West Superior St. Mr. Clark has a wide circle of friends who will be pleased to learn of his new purchase. He has already taken possession of his new acquisition.

ART CLUB ELECT

Officers For Year Elected At Home of Mrs. Vliet

The Alma Art Club at its last meeting held at the home of Mrs. Walter Vliet on Wright Avenue last Wednesday held its annual election of officers with the following result: President, Mrs. Walter Vliet; Vice President, Miss Cora Dunlap; Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Miana Greer; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mable Rogers; Delegates to the State Federation, Mrs. Walter Vliet with Miss Mable Rogers as alternate. Following the election of the regular officers a social hour was spent during which light refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mr. Francis King left Wednesday for New York where she will spend three weeks visiting with friends and with her daughter, Miss Fanny.

TABERNACLE PACKED

Evangelist Loose Preaches to Big Crowds Nightly

TWO HUNDRED CONFESSIONS

Great Enthusiasm Shown in Revival Services

Night after night the great tabernacle is packed to hear Evangelist E. P. Loose and the great chorus of 200 voices led by Prof. Lillenas. Last Friday night the tabernacle was given over to Alma College for the State Oratorical contest. In spite of this interruption, the regular evangelistic campaign, Saturday night saw a great audience to hear the evangelist. Many and hearty were the responses to the first invitation "to get in the game for Jesus Christ." Loose preached on the subject "Choose Ye This Day Whom Ye Will Serve." The giving of the invitation Saturday night came as a surprise to everyone. Even the ministers and leaders in the great meeting were not expecting it so early in the campaign. But the move was thoroughly justified. Loose saw that his audience was ready and he made the strike just at the right time. The way Alma is rallying to this great enterprise is marvelous to everyone.

Sunday afternoon a great audience of men—more than a thousand—faced Evangelist Loose as he thundered the truth home concerning "Life's Investment." The tabernacle was electric with interest and enthusiasm and before one was aware of what was taking place the thousand men were on their feet saying, "You're right, Loose." "We're back of you in this campaign." Never in the history of Alma has a more representative body of men assembled for any cause on any given occasion. But Sunday night saw the record broken. A half hour before the service began only standing room was to be had. The demand for seats was so great that the audience was called upon to crowd into the choir loft and before those who surrendered the seats in the audience were fairly in the aisles two more people were clamoring for the single vacant chair. Scores came to the tabernacle, looked in and saw there was no chance but to stand for two long hours and then went home. They will probably be on hand earlier next time. As it was fully a thousand men stood in the open space at the rear and lined the walls around the sides of the great building.

For a full hour Loose hurled invective and persuasion at the lagging church people urging them to "get into the game for Jesus Christ." The moment he gave the invitation men and women, boys and girls surged up the aisles "to get into the game for Jesus Christ."

Monday night was Fraternal night. Ten lodges and fraternal organizations were represented by delegations. When the invitation was given 44 walked up to the platform to take the evangelist by the hand and dedicate themselves to Jesus Christ.

Tuesday night was High School Night and the great body of high school students occupied a special section of the tabernacle.

Tomorrow night Alma College will be to the fore. If the roof of the tabernacle is not securely nailed down the college body will lift the roof off with their songs and cheers.

What promises to be the greatest meeting of the whole campaign will be held next Sunday afternoon for men only. It will be held at three o'clock and the subject on which Evangelist Loose will speak is "White Slaves." Nobody under 12 years of age will be permitted at this gathering. This address has stirred hundreds of audiences all over the United States. The greatest audience of men ever assembled in Alma is expected to be present at the tabernacle, Sunday afternoon at three P. M.

The enterprise which men and women made to enter the tabernacle and the sacrifice of time and labor which they made to be

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